

February 23, 1951.  
Conservation, Drainage, Flood Control.

**House File 540**  
By SLOANE and RYAN.

Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed Senate, Date.....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved .....

**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend section three hundred fifty-seven point two (357.2), Code 1950, with respect to payment of the cost of proposed water systems in districts which include publicly owned property.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1     Section 1. Amend section three hundred fifty-seven
- 2     point two (357.2), Code 1950, by adding thereto the following:
- 3     “Said publicly owned property shall pay and bear its
- 4     proportionate share of the cost and expense of said water
- 5     system upon the same basis as privately owned property.”

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 540

The lowering of the water strata has created a shortage of water supply in many districts. This condition sometimes makes it necessary for property owners to pay very large sums for deep wells. Some confusion exists as to whether or not public bodies, such as county boards of supervisors, may help to pay their pro rata cost of benefited water districts under the present law. This amendment is intended to clarify that situation and authorize the public body to defray its share of expense involved in connection with the installation, operation and maintenance of water systems with lines abutting upon or adjacent to public land.